

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, November 21, 2005 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Leon Trachtman, Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Nancy Offutt, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth and Brian Tunis represented the Department. Council members Gil Satterly and Ann Hunt were present. Absent were Council member Gerry Keen and Parks staff Brenda Lorenz and Cheryl Kolb.

Paula convened the Board at 4:32 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 17, meeting. Leon motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Joe noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- A mock up of the interpretive sign that will go at the north end of the Wabash Heritage Trail was passed around.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The playground equipment at Lommel Park that was installed in 1991 is planned to be replaced. Miracle Recreation Equipment Company is offering 40% off the purchase of new equipment if you replace Lokville equipment, and it is ordered by December 1. We plan to purchase a playground unit for the 2-5 age children; it has nine elevated play components and three ground level components, so it complies with the ADA Guidelines. The unit for ages 5-12 has 17 elevated play components and six ground level so it also complies with the ADA Guidelines. The equipment would be installed next spring.
- If the BPR is approved, we will also be replacing the Lokville playground equipment that was installed in 1994 at Tapawingo Park. That unit is for ages 2-5; it also will comply with the ADA Guidelines and meet the ASTM Safety Standards.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- Finished winterizing the parks and the pool.
- Preparing the rink; making ice.
- Preparing equipment for winter.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The 5th & 6th Grade School Volleyball program was completed on October 29. Seventeen children participated in the program. Bridget Brunton coached this program; she also coaches the West Lafayette 8th grade team. Several of her 8th grade players have volunteered at the grade school program.
- Second Grade basketball began on October 17th and finishes tonight at Cumberland School. Forty-two children registered for that program. Third grade basketball will begin next Monday, November 28th. Terry Ness is coordinating the elementary basketball programs.
- The 5th & 6th Grade basketball program began Saturday, October 29th with evaluations. Sixty children are registered for the program. Sigma Chi Fraternity has once again volunteered to coach the boys' teams. The Fraternity will also provide referees for all the games.

Morton Center – Chris reported for Brenda on the following:

- The registration total for the fall session as of Thursday, November 24 was 1,289, a 21% decrease from last year's November registration total of 1,639.
- A flu clinic was held at Morton on October 21 by the Tippecanoe County Health Department. We had approximately thirty people get flu shots that day.
- There is an art exhibit presently at Morton, Room 106 and 108, by West Lafayette students called Seeing Jazz. Purdue Bands worked collaboratively with West Lafayette art teacher Katherine Pechin to plan the event.
- Morton is hosting the December Board Meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone on December 19. We do plan to feed everyone, so it is hoped everyone can attend.

Beautification & Stewardship – Brian reported on the following:

- Michelle Priddy, Purdue Grad Student (Environment Ed.) organized a family wetland and invasive species workshop at Lilly Nature Center on Saturday, November 19th.
- Recognize Volunteer Group Help with the following projects: Prof. Dana's Hort. Class for Cumberland median maintenance; Prof. Holt's Forestry Class for Tree Fund tree planting and pruning; Evans Scholars planted trees at Trailhead Park; Agronomy Students planted six trees at Cumberland Park; and Krannert Management Students planted trees along Kalberer. In all 120 trees were planted.
- Helped locate and mark sites for the Tree Fund ReLeaf Tree planting.
- Assisted Trail Manager with vandal problem in Michaud-Sinninger Woods and Celery Bog Nature Area.
- Tree and shrub pruning along trail extension in Sagamore Park Centre.
- Working with Purdue Forestry class to try to save the specimen Burr Oak in front of Happy Hollow Park. It was hit by lightning several years ago. The tree is over 300 years old.
- Performed annual tour of Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area with Purdue Agronomy class.

Old Business

NRO Budget

Chris presented the 2006 NRO Budget and asked for approval as presented. After discussion Garnet motioned to approve the budget, Leon seconded and the motion passed. Nancy voted "no." The Board passed the budget with great concern.

Sagamore West Farmers Market Report

Joe presented a report that was prepared by Larry Oates. There will be a new chair-person next year. All the vendors were very pleased along with the community. Leon motioned to express a profound thanks to Larry for founding and managing the Farmers Market. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Larry will be recognized at the next Council meeting.

Donations Guidelines

Joe presented the Guidelines that were suggested at last month's Park Board meeting. Garnet motioned that the Guidelines be accepted. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business

BPR 1-05

Pennie presented the BPR so money could be transferred to cover expected expenses, to purchase new playground equipment for Lommel and Tapawingo Park and to purchase a color printer for the department. Leon moved approval of BPR 1-05, Garnet seconded the motion and the motion passed.

West Lafayette School Board

Nancy reported that work continues to develop their Foundation; paperwork will be filed on December 7. Band room construction continues with construction finalized by the start of second semester. At the December 7, regular Board meeting Supt. Floyd will make a recommendation about outsourcing their custodial maintenance. The Board is also in the process of reviewing their Policies and By-laws.

Ann Hunt brought up a concern with the tennis court lights at Cumberland School. She has e-mailed Supt. Floyd, but has not received a response.

Wabash River

Paula reported that the Wabash River Parkway Commission's next meeting is scheduled for December 8, the same day the Purdue class is giving report on the urban part of the river development (from 6-8 pm at the Depot; from 4-6 pm they will be hosting various boards).

Others

Purchase Orders

Pennie asked for approval on two Purchase Orders. P.O. 7908 to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$49,988 for playground equipment at Lommel Park and P.O. 7911 also to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$14,645 for the playground at Tapawingo. Garnet made a motion to accept the Purchase Orders. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Pay Claims

Leon motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary